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POOR REPAIR WORK HALTS MACHINES -- Yerevan, Kommunist, 3 Aug 52

The Yerevan Cable Plant fulfilled its 1952 6-month gross production plan on 21 June. During this period the plant increased labor productivity 7.1 percent, decreased production costs 0.6 percent, and saved 97,000 rubles' worth of raw materials and goods, and 60,300 kilowatt-hours of electric power.

Despite this, the plant has some serious shortcomings. Owing to the lack of supervision, production is poorly organized. For example, in the rubber shop, the rules for preparation of compounds are not observed, with the result that over a hundred kilometers of sheathed strand were recently rejected by the Division of Technical Control. Production is often held up by irregular supply of rubber and other materials, and by incorrect sizes of cut rubber. There is no planned production in the wire-drawing shop producing semifinished products.

The machine shop is slow to make spare parts for the shops, often does not guarantee good work, and has a low standard for the repair of equipment, with the result that machines in the basic shops often stop. For example, machines are out of order an average of 36-38 percent of the time each month in the wire-drawing shop, and 40 percent of the time each month in the covering shop.

SPECIAL WIRE FOR VOLGA-DON CANAL -- Moscow, Vechernyaya Moskva, 19 Jul 52

The Moscow Proletarskiy Trud Plant has shipped 120 tons of special wire to the Volga-Don Canal project. This wire is used for many purposes, and, in particular, for electrical welding electrodes.

CABLE PRODUCTS GO TO PROJECTS -- Leningradskaya Pravda, 9 Aug 52

The Leningrad Sevkabel' Plant has fulfilled its 6-month gross-production plan and has filled all of its orders ahead of schedule. The plant has shipped hundreds of tons of cable products to the Kuybyshev and Stalingrad GES projects and about 2,000 kilometers of cable to the Volga-Don Canal project.

POOR PLANNING MAKES SHIPPING COSTS SOAR -- Moscow, Izvestiya, 16 Aug 52

Although the Kiev Ukrkabel' Plant saved over 400,000 rubles' worth of non-ferrous metal and insulation material during the first 5 months of 1952, it had many unproductive expenditures. Since the plant does not provide metal drums for shipment of enamel lacquer by rail, it uses the more expensive truck transportation. Truck transportation of 28 tons of enamel lacquer from Moscow to Kiev cost the plant 119,400 rubles. Large expenditures for air transportation of products and materials also increase production costs. The air freight charge for shipping 10 tons of wire rod from the Leningrad Sevkabel' Plant to Kiev amounted to 40 percent of the cost of the metal. During the first 6 months of 1952, the plant spent almost one million rubles for shipping its products by air freight.

DELIVERS CABLE EARLY -- Moscow, Izvestiya, 26 Aug 52

Recently, the Kol'chugino Cable Plant fulfilled all of its 1952 third quarter plan orders for the Kuybyshev GES project and began delivering products assigned to the 1952 fourth quarter plan.

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